



## Book Reviews & Recommended Reading

### *The Aquinas Prayer Book*

The complete prayers and hymns of St. Thomas Aquinas

Translated and edited by Robert Anderson and Johann Moser

This handy, beautiful leatherette volume contains St. Thomas' prayers and hymns in their Latin originals, along with new English translations. These translations render the originals with superb precision and a soul-fortifying eloquence. Each one will deepen readers' understanding and lift their hearts to God.

### *Eucharistic Miracles, And Eucharistic Phenomena in the Lives of the Saints* By Joan Carroll Cruz

On numerous occasions in the history of the Church, God has seen fit to offer miraculous visible proof of the Catholic teaching that at the sacred words of Consecration in the Mass, the bread and wine upon the altar are truly changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Joan Carroll Cruz's *Eucharistic Miracles* recounts 36 such major Eucharistic miracles in Church history. She tells of Hosts which have turned to visible flesh, Hosts which have bled, Hosts which have become hard as flint when received by a person in mortal sin, Hosts which have levitated, Hosts which have manifested their hidden presence by mysterious lights, consecrated "wine" which turned into visible blood, etc., as well as many miracles which occurred after sacrilege had been committed against the Holy Eucharist. The events told here cover a wide historical gamut, the first miracle described being that of Lanciano, Italy in the 8th century and the last that of Stich, Bavaria in 1970. The author details the official investigations made into these remarkable events, and in many cases tells where the miraculous Hosts or Blood can still be seen and venerated today.

*These books are available from Neri Publications (see facing page)*

### From the Maxims of St. Philip Neri



**W**e must never pray for a favor for any one, except conditionally, saying, "If it please God", or the like.

**T**o leave our prayer when we are called to do some act of charity for our neighbor, is not really a quitting of prayer, but leaving Christ for Christ, that is depriving ourselves of spiritual sweetness in order to gain souls.

**T**he wisdom of the Scriptures is learned rather by prayer than by study.

**W**e must not leave off our prayers because of distractions and restlessness of mind, although it seems useless to go on with them. He who perseveres for the whole of his accustomed time, gently recalling his mind to the subject of his prayer, merits greatly.